

## AUGUSTUS L. McLENDON.

The Life of a Boy, the Man, Affording Inspiration to—A Student—Secretary to a General—Journalist and Business Man.

The subject of this sketch was born in that state which has given to the world some of the most noted Negroes of our times, in the state where they have imbibed the idea "to be somebody," they must do something, get something and have on hand money. His birthplace was in Aberdeen, Miss., where he first saw the beautiful rays of a peaceful sunlight, after four years of territorial peace which was subsequent of the war of the Rebellion, which had given father and mother the desire to achieve success in the walks of life. They gave to the child this make-up. He was born September 27, 1869. Like all parents they were indeed proud of their child. He grew rapidly, and when a



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mere boy he came to Helena, Ark., in 1883, where he worked in hotels, restaurants, and attended the public schools of the city. McLendon was careful with his time and learned readily. Teachers and pupils loved him and it was not long before the boy had made for himself a record as being honest and industrious. In December '89, he wended his way to Wilberforce University at Xenia, Ohio, and for four years he diligently prosecuted his studies and builded firmer the foundation for his future usefulness. He went to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he entered a business college and remained until he graduated with credit and honor.

It was business that was uppermost in his mind as is shown in his career. He served as corresponding secretary to Major DeFreese of the U. S. A., at the Grand Army Encampment of the State of Indiana in 1893, an exalted position for a young man, and especially a colored man. In 1894 he accepted the editorial chair of the *Ultimatum*, published at Hot Springs, Ark., and the paper grew and prospered; was read by thousands and was greatly appreciated. He severed his connection with the paper and in 1898 he formed the firm of Wilson & McLendon, wholesale and retail liquor dealers, and this house is one of the largest in the state. They enjoy a fine trade and their check will be accepted for as many thousands of dollars as they choose to give. They are rated in the commercial world at \$20,000. Mr. McLendon was present at the Boston meeting and made a pronounced logical speech on the problem affecting our race. It was an exposition of facts—solid as they were, and he brought forth wealth as a solution to this vexing, troublesome question. Mr. McLendon's speech was equally as well received as it was delivered. His life is free from the old, old, yet ever new story of hard work—honest toil and a good harvest at the end.

Hon. John N. Ruffin, U. S. Consul to Asuncion, Paragua, is in the city, the guest of Mr. U. G. Black, cor. 11th and U streets, northwest. Mr. Ruffin is home on leave after an extended trip through Europe. During his stay in this country he has visited Canton, Chicago, Memphis and other cities. He will be in the city until Nov. 1st when he will return to his post of duty.

## HOWARD UNIVERSITY REPORT.

President Rankin Submits Annual Statement to Secretary of Interior.

President Rankin, of Howard University, has forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior a report of the institution for the year ended June 30 1900. The students have aggregated 810, from forty different States and Territories and ten foreign countries. During the year the University expended about \$3,000 for the repairs of buildings, of which \$2,000 was appropriated by Congress. The appropriation of \$900 for the law and general library was expended under the direction of the several faculties. The sum of \$100 appropriated for chemical apparatus was used by the professor of chemistry, physics, and natural history, after submission of the proposals to the Secretary of the Interior.

The medical department of Howard University has opened with bright prospects. A large number of students have matriculated, and the secretary reports that there will be over 200 students in the medical, dental and pharmaceutical colleges of the University.

All of the instructors and professors are ready for the years work in their special branches except Dr. C. B. Purvis, whose recent illness have caused him to leave the city for a few weeks. During his absence Dr. Curtis will lecture on gynecology, and Dr. Warfield on obstetrics. In chemistry Prof. Seaman is ready for his large classes, and has added an X-ray machine to complete his laboratory appliances. In histology, Prof. J. M. Lamb will be assisted by Dr. Sylvannus Jones. In the dental college there have been made many improvements, especially in the infirmary. Dr. C. R. Howland, Dr. J. E. McConnell, and Dr. L. S. Meikle have been added to the faculty.

## Scholarships for High School Boys.

The scholarships offered graduates of the Washington High School by the School of Pharmacy and the Dental School of Howard University have been allotted this year to Benjamin F. Hailstorks in pharmacy and James Slaughter in dentistry both of the class of 1900. These scholarships are valuable. They mean free tuition for the full course. The spirit of the medical school faculty that prompted this splendid contribution to the professional education of our boys and girls is highly commendatory. The medical school of Howard University takes a very high rank among the schools of medicine in this country. It has, indeed, peculiar advantages as to hospital practice that are unexcelled anywhere. No school in the country has done more for young colored men than this one. Its broad and catholic spirit is shown in this generous offer to graduates of our local high school. The community is justly proud of the splendid medical school of Howard University and its very able faculty, of which Dr. F. J. Shadd is the efficient secretary and a member.

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